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Cheers to home coming

Haliburton County Huskies forward Ty Collins points to teammate Patrick Saini (out of frame) as he celebrates a goal with Christian Stevens during the team's home opener in Ontario Junior Hockey League action on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The Huskies beat the visiting Cobourg Cougars 5-2 with Stevens leading the way with two goals and an assist while Collins finished with a pair of points (one goal and one assist) in the win. The team followed up the win with a road win the next day to go 2-0-0 on the season. See more photos on pages 10 and 11. /DARREN LUM Staff

Queen Elizabeth II reign ends after 70 years

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

"I declare, before you all, that my whole life, whether it be long, or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong," said then Princess Elizabeth in a speech made on her 21st birthday in 1947.

Although Queen Elizabeth II would abide by these words for the following 75 years, nothing proves the weight they carried quite like the response to her death on Thursday, Sept. 8 throughout the world.

"Queen Elizabeth's was a life well lived; a promise with destiny kept and she is mourned most deeply in her passing. That promise of lifelong service I renew to you all today," said King Charles III in his first address as Monarch on Friday, Sept. 9.

Haliburton County residents and former residents were not immune to the effects of both the Queen's life and death.

A somber welcome to London

It was strange timing for Andrew Carmount,

former Minden resident and HHSS alumnus, to move to London to attend university.

"I landed Friday Morning UK time, so technically, I arrived the day after she passed," Carmount said. "It's definitely a crazy time to have just moved to London. You can tell something significant has happened to this country."

The graduate school student is attending London School of economics and political science for the master in political theory program after receiving his undergraduate degree at the University of Toronto this past spring.

The city offered him a bleak welcome.

"The LED signs on bus stations and at train

stations, and billboards are black with the image of the Queen on it throughout the city. I've also seen several buildings with black banners draped on them. Yesterday, while walking, I could hear artillery firing. Many people are walking around with flowers, presumably heading towards [Buckingham Palace] or other important places to lay them."

Carmount said the pubs are still full at night, some with upset football fans about the postponement of games.

"Overall, it's all people are talking about

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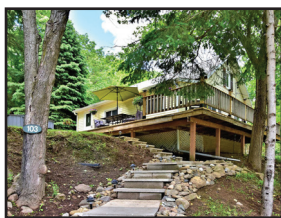
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HHHS to recruit staff at Toronto health care job fair

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton Highlands Health Services is taking steps to address any staffing needs.

HHHS will have a presence at a health care job fair in Toronto on Sept. 17. It'll be one health care service among many from across Canada to recruit professionals at the fair.

Carolyn Plummer, the president and CEO at HHHS, hopes the beauty and solace that can be found throughout the region will be a selling point this weekend.

"We will be working with the County of Haliburton to highlight the many benefits of a healthcare career in the Haliburton Highlands, and are hoping to encourage physicians and nurses to join us," she said. "Our teams are excited to bringing a cottage country feel to downtown Toronto, featuring our best Haliburton Highlands plaid, and hope to see strong attendance thanks to the many communities participating in the fair."

Healthcare Job Fair is billed as Toronto's premier recruitment event for medical, nursing, allied health and support work employment opportunities.

The job fair is the only event of its kind in Eastern Canada and aims to attract highly skilled health-care professionals from major health care hubs like Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal to meet directly with employers.

HHHS will be joined by service providers from New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Nunavut, Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan, and Yukon.

To showcase the appeal of the Highlands, the HHHS booth will feature a wooden wolf (courtesy of the Haliburton Wolf Centre), an inflatable stand-up paddle board (courtesy of Algonquin Outfitters), signage that matches the coun-

ty's new roadside signs, and locally-made food with the #MyHaliburtonHighlands branding.

As the pain of staff shortages has been felt across the country, local health services have taken steps to brace for the vacancy crunch.

There's been a portal on the HHHS website by which the status of the Minden and Haliburton emergency rooms can be checked. That is, people who feel they require medical attention can find out whether the nearest ER is open or closed.

Many facilities province-wide have had to close at various times due to lack of staff. It's become more common as the pandemic progresses.

"Although HHHS hasn't experienced staffing-related closures of our facilities, we continue to experience a dire need for more healthcare staff - just like hospitals across the province," Plummer said.

"Participating in job fairs like this one, along with other retention and recruitment efforts, will hopefully help us reduce our reliance on third-party staffing resources and connect directly with potential recruits."

Stephen McLarnon, CEO at HealthSectorTalent, the company organizing the job fair, said a lot of Canadian healthcare employers are struggling to meet demand for care.

In June, Statistics Canada reported that Canadian health care employers have the highest ever level of job vacancies - 136,800 positions were reported in the first three months this year - suggesting a major staffing crisis for the nation's health care system.

Job fairs provide a unique opportunity in this digital age for employers and job seekers to connect directly in person, accelerating the recruitment process for both.

The Healthcare Job Fair takes place at the Sheraton Centre Hotel on Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Minden Hills extends vehicle location system contract

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Minden Hills council extended the contract for the service that keeps tabs on municipal equipment.

Trackmatics is the current automatic vehicle location (AVL) system installed in all Roads Department vehicles and equipment.

The township has been using the service since May 2018. The original contract was a three-year term from June 2018 to June 2021.

The contract allows for five consecutive one-year extensions, of which this will be the second.

Mike Timmins, the township's director of public works, said staff is satisfied with the quality of the system and the tech support provided by Trackmatics. He said the logical and economical option is to move forward with the contract extension.

He said the service is used for all the winter roads equipment.

"It gives us not only GPS locations, but it tracks and controls all our implements," he said. "Our sanding; it's able to give us quantities. It's able to give us the time spent on certain roads. Whether a sander is running. Whether the plows are down."

"It gives us all the data all wrapped up in one neat package. It's pretty straight-forward. It works well for us. It does what we need."

Mayor Brent Devolin said the AVL system is beneficial in keeping track of roads staff when the winter weather makes doing their jobs hazardous. In the event of an emergency, the equipment could be located and help could be dispatched to the operator.

And there's another way the system is useful, he said.

"Unfortunately, on the other side, it's a very litigious world we live in and sometimes there's claims that we haven't addressed a road," the mayor said. "Sanded it or plowed it or whatever. It keeps all that data for us. So it's a wealth of information."

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Former Minden resident joins thousands at the Palace

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when you walk past them.”

He decided to head to Buckingham Palace the same day he arrived in London and explained the extraordinary sights he saw at the place the Queen called home for the past 70 years.

“I wanted to get a glimpse of something historic. The Mall leading up to the Palace is blocked off from cars and is packed with people walking towards it. The circle around the Victoria Memorial statue was closed off too to cars and was full of thousands gathering. There are also several media tents set up along the border looking at the Palace and many reporters walking around. They’ve got the front of the Palace barricaded off, and you have to enter from the side street to lay flowers up front.”

Carmount said there were thousands of people lined up in a queue just to lay flowers in front of the palace.

“It reminded me of some sort of pilgrimage, especially as people from all over come to pay tribute. There were quite a few people in all black, which I was surprised about.”

He hopes to join the “thousands, if not millions” of people to view her coffin at Westminster Hall when it arrives from Scotland.

Life devoted to service

The new King’s message about his late mother resonated with Reverend Canon Dr. David Barker of St. George’s Anglican Church in Haliburton.

“What [King Charles III] said in his speech about the Queen is very much at the heart of what I’ve been thinking about her, and that is her dedication to the country and to the Commonwealth. She worked right up to the end, which was always her goal,” he said.

Barker commented on the remarkable quality of the Queen’s commitment to her vow to serve to meet with and anoint Liz Truss as the new prime minister of Great Britain just days before she died.

“It’s incredible that she was able to maintain that work ethic throughout her entire life,” he said.

Long-time Haliburton resident and organist at St. George’s Anglican Church Bill Gliddon was overcome with feelings of sadness when he heard the news of the Queen’s death on the radio.

“I was almost in a state of shock. It’s the end of an era. For most people, she was the only Monarch they ever knew. It’s good to have someone that rises above politics that you can look up to as a role model,” Gliddon said. “She has devoted her whole life, and she’s done it with dignity and graciousness and sometimes humour.”

Memories of the Queen

Gliddon remembers singing *God Save the King* at school during the reign of King George VI.

“I didn’t get to watch the Coronation of the Queen. A lot of people didn’t have television in 1953,” Gliddon said. “My grandparents on my father’s side were big royalists. I loved royalty and the pageantry of it all. I think there’s still a bit of a child in me that still likes the fairy tale idea.”



Thousands gathered outside Buckingham Palace to catch a glimpse of the Queen’s home for the past 70 years on the day after her death. /Photo submitted by Andrew Carmount

Gliddon has an almost 75-year-old scrapbook of British royalty that he had created as a child. The very last page in the scrapbook was the coronation of King George VI as Queen Elizabeth wasn’t the Monarch yet.

Gliddon was quite tired on Friday, Sept. 9.

He stayed up until 4 a.m. preparing a new set list for his Concert Hall program on Sunday evenings on CanoeFM.

He wrote five full pages of music and scripts that would make up the entirety of his two-hour-long show.

At Sunday’s church service, he played some of the Queen’s favourite hymns, and the congregation sang *God Save the King*.

Scottish bagpiper Jim Thomson, now Eagle Lake resident, was in the Toronto Scottish Regiment and played for the Queen during her visit to Toronto in 1971.

He was also the piper for the Queen Mother when she visited Canada, and when she died in 2012, then Prince Charles became the regiment’s Colonel in Chief.

He also has memories of her coronation as a boy living in Scotland.

“When [Queen Elizabeth] was coronated, she took a tour all the way up through Great Britain on the main highway all the way up to Glasgow. Us schoolchildren were lined up on the highway waiting for her, and she stopped right where I was on the highway and gave each schoolkid a silver crown coin.”

Thomson kept the coin he was given.

He was an exhibition designer and moved to Canada in 1967 to work on Expo ‘67 in Montreal.

Thomson now practices with the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums each Thursday evening in Haliburton.

Details about Queen Elizabeth

Queen Elizabeth reigned as Monarch of the Commonwealth of Nations from the day of her father’s death, King George VI, on Feb. 6, 1952, until the day of her death last Thursday, Sept. 8.

This made her the longest-reigning Monarch out of 61 total over the past 1,200 years of British history with 70 years of leadership.

She was head of state of 32 countries throughout her life, and 15 on the day she died. She anointed 15 British prime ministers and witnessed the leadership of 12 Canadian prime ministers.

She was married to her husband, Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh, for 73 years before he died just over a year before her. She is survived by four children, eight grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. She is well-known for her love of animals and owned more than 30 of her own pets over her lifetime. She visited Canada on 22 occasions.

Her state funeral will take place on Monday, Sept. 19 at Westminster Abbey. For five days before the funeral, the public will be able to pay their respects at the Abbey. She will be buried in a tomb at St. George’s Chapel at Windsor Castle next to her late husband.

The future of the Monarchy

Our Legions will soon remove portraits of the Queen on their walls and replace them with ones of King Charles III, newly-printed Canadian money will feature the face of the King, and we will sing *God Save the King* on Remembrance Day.

The changes to the state of the British Monarchy and Commonwealth as a whole are less tangible and harder to predict.

“I think people are more in shock than anything, and it will take a few weeks or more for the UK to realize what has happened. There’s a sense of excitement for a new King, new anthem, and a fresh change,” Carmount said, commenting on the situation in Britain.

The change is needed in both the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth, says the politics major.

“She set the bar really high. Charles is going to have a hard time, but he’s a good man, and he loves everybody too,” Gliddon said.

He remarked on the new King’s love of the environment.

“He’s sensitive about the state of the world, which I believe will do him well,” Gliddon said.

There is currently no set date for King Charles’ coronation.

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September 29 – Regular Council Meeting
October 13 – Regular Council Meeting

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Keep informed of current job postings by visiting our website at mindenhills.ca/employment-opportunities/ for a list of available employment opportunities.

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Reminder that you will need a burn permit for daytime burning, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM from April 1st to October 31st, and a fireworks permit for the ignition of fireworks. A burn permit is issued for the season at a cost of \$50.00. Contact the Fire Department for a fireworks permit prior to the ignition of fireworks at 705-286-1202.

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Voter Information Letters have been mailed. “If you haven’t received your letter by September 26th please contact our Office at 705-286-1260 ext. 9 or elections@mindenhills.ca.”

Bivalent COVID-19 booster dose available

All residents aged 18+ become eligible beginning Sept. 26

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR District Health Unit) would like to advise residents in the City of Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton County, and Northumberland County that the Ontario government is offering the bivalent COVID-19 booster dose to all Ontarians aged 18 and over, beginning with the most vulnerable populations.

Starting today (Sept. 12) at 8 a.m., bivalent COVID-19 booster appointments will be available to and can be booked for the most vulnerable populations, including:

- Residents of long-term care homes, retirement homes, elder care lodges and individuals living in other congregate settings that provide assisted-living and health services.
- First Nation, Inuit and Métis individuals and their non-Indigenous household members aged 18 and over.
- Moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals aged 12 and over.
- Pregnant individuals aged 18 and over;
- Health care workers aged 18 and over; and
- Individuals aged 70 and over.

"I would like to encourage all residents aged 18 and over to receive the bivalent booster dose as recommended by the Ministry of Health," said Dr. Natalie Bocking, Medical Officer of Health for the HKPR District Health Unit. "We know that vaccine protection decreases over time, and now is the time to better protect yourself for the upcoming fall season with the bivalent booster."

How to book an appointment

Appointments can be booked through the provincial COVID-19 vaccination portal or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre (PVCC) at 1-833-943-3900. The Health Unit will be uploading appointments to the provincial booking portal based on vaccine supply. Individuals that meet the criteria listed above will be able to receive the bivalent booster dose in clinics as of this week. All other individuals may book at appointment at clinics starting the week of Sept. 26. Appointments can still be booked through any available HKPR District Health Unit clinics for six months to four years primary series, as well as five to 11 and 12 to 17 booster doses. All previously-booked booster appointments for Sept. 12 to 25 will be honoured and, if available, the bivalent vaccine will be offered.

HKPR District Health Unit vaccination clinics and pharmacies

Sept. 13, 15, 21, 23: Lindsay Office (108 Angeline St S, Lindsay), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., by appointment only.

Sept. 19, 20, 26, 27: Knights of Columbus Community Centre (232 Spencer St E, Cobourg), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., by appointment only.

Sept 28 and 29: Lindsay Exhibition Centre (354 Angeline St N, Lindsay), 10 a.m. to 5

p.m., by appointment only.

The bivalent booster dose will also be available through pharmacies beginning Sept. 19.

Individuals are recommended to receive the bivalent booster at an interval of at least six months from their previous dose (and are eligible to receive the bivalent booster at a minimum interval of three months), regardless of how many boosters they have already

received.

For more information

Read the Ontario Government's press release: Ontarians Aged 18+ Eligible for Bivalent COVID-19 Booster Dose.

View our HKPR District Health Unit Vaccine Clinic webpage.

Submitted by HKPR

HHHS welcomes new board chair

Today, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors for Haliburton Highlands Health Services has announced that David O'Brien, formerly vice-chair of the board, has been appointed to the position of chair following the resignation of Dr. Jan Walker.

"I am disappointed to be leaving the Board at this critical time in HHHS' journey," said Dr. Walker. "My family requires more support to address some health challenges, and I must step away to focus on them. I know HHHS will be in good hands with this strong Board team in place."

David O'Brien has been a member of the Board of Directors since June 2018. Prior to becoming chair, he served as chair of the Finance Committee and then vice-chair of the Board, and has been a key member of the Executive Committee of the Board that helped to steer HHHS through some difficult years. Prior to retirement, Mr. O'Brien's career included extensive executive leadership roles including city manager for the City of Mississauga, the City of Ottawa, and the City of Gloucester, various positions for the City

of Sudbury, president and CEO of Toronto Hydro, and other corporate roles. He has broad governance experience, serving as director on many boards throughout his career including for hospitals. A resident of Dysart et al, Mr. O'Brien is committed to giving back to the community through his involvement on multiple boards, including at the Haliburton County Development Corporation and the Haliburton County Public Library.

"We are deeply grateful to Dr. Jan Walker for her dedicated service to the Board of Directors and HHHS since 2015," said chair David O'Brien. "Under her leadership over the past year, HHHS has continued to deliver the high-quality health care services our community relies on, despite significant challenges including the health human resource crisis being experienced across the province. We will miss Dr. Walker, and will continue to work hard to guide HHHS forward for our community."

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Learn more about the benefits of basic income

We have enough food to feed the world; it is just a problem of distribution. The same could be said for ensuring that every Canadian adult can meet their basic needs. How we make that happen is something to think about during Basic Income Week, Sept. 19 to 25.

A basic income according to The Basic Income Canada Network website is “an unconditional cash transfer from government to individuals to enable everyone to meet their basic needs, participate in society and live with dignity, regardless of work status.”

Support from Canadians across the political spectrum has been growing, particularly in the aftermath of the pandemic.

A federally funded and administered basic income would help meet the goals of the Haliburton County Community Safety and Well Being Plan, which is “to achieve sustainable communities where everyone is safe, has a sense of belonging, opportunities to participate, and where individuals and families are able to meet their needs for edu-

cation, health care, food, housing, income, and social and cultural expression.”

These are worthy goals, however the report to local council highlighted some unsettling statistics. A higher than average child and overall poverty rate, food insecurity, and a higher percentage of individuals that have not completed a high school diploma are facts that should concern us all.

A disturbing trend in Canada is that inequality is rising. The income share of the richest one per cent has increased steadily since the 1970s. We would do well to look to the Nordic countries, which reap the benefits of a smaller gap between high and low incomes. More equal societies enjoy better physical and mental health, greater child well being, less violence, fewer people in prison, less drug addiction and higher rates of secondary school completion.

The goals of the Community Wellness Plan include “a sense of belonging” and opportunities to participate.”

In more unequal countries people feel

judged based on their financial status. How can people feel “a sense of belonging” and believe there are “opportunities to participate” if they struggle to meet their basic needs and worry about how others may judge them? With more equality, there is greater “social cohesion,” i.e., greater social engagement and interpersonal trust.

A basic income is one of the redistributive measures the government could use to address inequality. It is more than a poverty elimination tool. Consider the following scenarios that likely exist in our community: a young person working part-time because they cannot get full-time work, a middle aged person who needs to attend training to upgrade their skills, an entrepreneur who must pay their bills while their business gets established, someone whose work hours are unpredictable or seasonal, or someone trying to leave an unsafe relationship. In all of these situations a basic income would provide economic security without stigma, so that people could continue to contribute and feel that

they belong.

Will people work if given a basic income?

Studies from around the world, including Canada, confirm that participation in the labour market changes little when a basic income is implemented. Good work gives people a sense of self-worth and the experience of making a contribution.

Can Canada afford a basic income? Through fair and progressive taxes, the elimination of tax loopholes, and the shifting of resources, a basic income is feasible. For a comprehensive response to this question, see the Basic Income Canada Network and UBI Works.

We need a bold and just response to the challenges we face. Charity, while important, can never replace justice. During Basic Income Week, take time to learn more, talk to others, and perhaps write your member of Parliament to show your support.

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Canadian hero stands alone

WHEN Queen Elizabeth II died she received a lot of global media attention.

Her legacy is mixed among the world. While there are those who respect her steadfastness and grace, there are others who believed she represented a colonial system of oppression and did little to really help others. She will go down as the longest serving British monarch, and from all the anecdotes about her formal and informal interactions she had with people it was clear she was a genuine person who cared and gave her attention to every one she met. However, her individual behaviour did not change how the British empire treated certain people under its rule, particularly in countries where resources were rich and the people were poor.

Overshadowed to a certain extent this year because of this death and the related regal proceedings is Canadian hero Terry Fox.

Fox is an irrefutable symbol of perseverance, determination and how belief can give one strength to achieve the impossible. What he did has meant so much to so many and is worth repeating.

Determination was the calling card for Fox. At 18 he was diagnosed with a cancer diagnosis of osteogenic sarcoma just above the right knee. He lost his leg to cancer, but gained insight about the plight of cancer sufferers while in children's cancer wards. He was then inspired to become an advocate and came up with the idea for the run across Canada, the Marathon of Hope. It would be a legacy no one

would forget.

On one leg and a desire to raise \$1 for every Canadian, Fox dipped his artificial leg in the Atlantic Ocean and left Newfoundland on April 12, 1980. He ran 5,373 kilometres over 143 days, averaging close to 42 kilometres a day (a daily marathon) and stopped for the only thing that could stop him, cancer. His run ended outside Thunder Bay, Ontario on Sept. 1, 1980. He was forced to leave the run because cancer had spread to his lungs.

His actions inspired and rallied a nation. A few months after stopping his dream to raise \$1 for every citizen was realized when the

Marathon of Hope fund raised a total of \$24.17 million. He died later that year June 28, 1981. He was 22.

This Sunday, Sept. 18, let's not forget Terry Fox and his efforts.

More than \$850 million has been raised worldwide for cancer research in

Terry's name through the annual Terry Fox Run, held in more than 9,000 communities across Canada and more than 25 countries around the world.

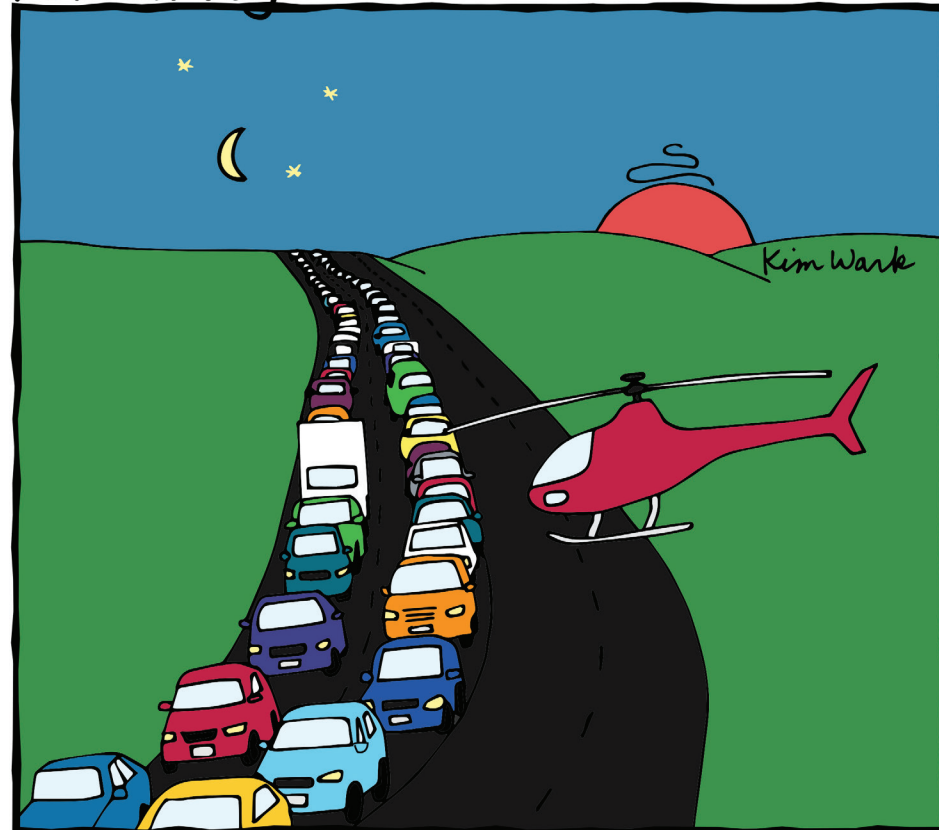
Minden may not be holding an in-person event where dozens gather to walk, run, inline skate or bike in his memory to help those with cancer, but that doesn't mean the people of the Highlands can't go out on their own to show they remember.

He said it best in his words: "I've said to people before that I'm going to do my very best to make it, I'm not going to give up. But I might not make it ... if I don't, the Marathon of Hope better continue."

Continue it did and has.

**DARREN LUM**
Editor

Kwarky



"Looks like the cottagers are going back to school."

Shooting etiquette

LAST WEEK, I received a nice invitation from a friend to join him and a small group of archers to shoot 3-D animal targets at our host's home range. I have only shot at 3-D animal targets once, long ago, with a long bow, so I was a little leery of it.

Last time, everyone else was shooting compound bows with sights, which, in the right hands, can hit thumb tacks – and often at remarkably long ranges too. Back then, I was shooting a heavy long bow, which put me at a distinct disadvantage.

A skilled long bow archer is lucky to get away hitting a big margarine tub container lid at 20 yards. He is even luckier if he can do this in a grocery store.

I would call myself skilled – that is, until I shoot in front of others. Then I would call myself inconsistent.

You see, when I shoot in front of others I get distracted. That is because I typically have the attention span of a hummingbird confronted by a field of bright, sugary flowers. Alone, I can focus. When I am shooting with others, my focus turns to double vision or worse. And it deteriorates further if everyone I am shooting against is hitting thumb tacks, because that's when I put even more distracting pressure upon myself.

Fortunately, the group I was shooting with had an advanced understanding of shooting etiquette. Which is to say, they shot before me and missed their initial shots at a distant downhill elk target. I would have hit that elk dead centre, but I wanted to reciprocate the favour.

I cannot tell you how important this show of etiquette is to the new guy in the group.

Their misses put me at ease. And over the course of the next 20 or more targets, I was able to put them at ease a few times too. But I was also able to relax and focus, and had moments of brilliance (at one station, I centre-punched a three-inch circle painted on the chest of a moose target at 40 yards). Before you think I am Robin Hood, however, let me also confess I had moments when I got distracted and I missed a couple of shots I would normally consider slam dunks. Luckily, however, those shots are fading from my memory even as we speak and by next week I imagine they'll be gone forever.

What is left is the feeling that I shot well enough. And I am pretty sure everyone there would describe their experience similarly.

Most importantly, each of us had fun, which was what the shoot was all about. That is because our host stressed, almost immediately, not to take the competition too seriously.

He noted we were just going for a pleasant walk through the woods shooting a few arrows at life-sized foam animals along the way – you know, just like normal people do. That's why scores were not kept – and this lack of evidence is why every shooter there went home and claimed to be the best shot in the group.

That attitude, the camaraderie, and the genuine praise on good shots, and the fact that there was a mutual, unspoken understanding that you were to ignore everyone's bad ones makes me want to do it again – and soon.

It was a very enjoyable shooting experience, with challenges that you can't help but miss.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Mice on the move

AND SO BEGINS the annual invasion of the mice. They are on the move, searching for cracks and gaps in homes, cottages, garages, sheds and other buildings where they can find rent-free room and board for the coming winter.

Early reports indicate an invasion of epic proportions.

Most years, people will have one or two mice show up as the weather cools in September and October. At my place, we have evicted 15 of the sneaky little critters in the past 10 days.

Some New England states are reporting increased sightings following large mouse outbreaks in the last two years. A University of Rhode Island mammalogy class reported trapping and releasing 24 mice in one night. Their capturing for study purposes typically gets only six mice a night.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

On the other side of the world, Australians are concerned that an invasion that started in 2020 is continuing. By late last year, they were calling it a mice plague that had grown into the "many millions."

Researchers say warming temperatures and milder winters have allowed mice populations to increase. They say our Great Lakes region has warmed almost two degrees Celsius since 1970.

Last winter was relatively mild, allowing more mice to survive and to keep reproducing. Experts say that female mice can begin having babies just 30 days after their own birth, and can produce three or four broods of four to eight babies every year.

Another factor is a banner year for acorns, a favourite food of mice. The warm summer with little rain has had acorns falling earlier than usual.

All this has created a well-fed and healthy mouse population that has become a robust baby-making factory.

And now, they are all looking for comfortable winter lodgings inside our buildings. Why the early start when the weather is unusually fine and outside food plentiful, no one seems to know.

There is the usual weather folklore that says an early autumn mice invasion means an early and harsh winter. The Farmers' Almanac is forecasting a record cold winter with record snowfalls in Ontario and Quebec.

Keeping the mice out of your home or cottage is a near impossible chore. They squeeze through the smallest cracks that are difficult to find and seal.

Some people try chasing them out with electric plug-in units that emit high-pitched signals. An old-fashioned deterrent is to leave cotton swabs soaked in peppermint in areas where mice or mice droppings have been seen.

You also can hire one of the professional rodent control companies, whose numbers have grown significantly in the last few years. The North American rodent control market was valued at \$1,596.2 million in 2020 and is expected to grow even more in coming years.

There are good reasons to keep the little critters out of your buildings. Health and safety are two good ones.

Mice transmit dangerous diseases such as Lyme disease and Hantavirus. They do not have to bite you to infect you.

Mice are natural reservoirs for Lyme disease bacteria. Black-legged ticks that feed on mice can become infected, then pass it on to humans when they bite and burrow to get a blood meal.

Hantaviruses occupy mice urine, droppings and saliva and can be spread through the air. They are easily breathed in during vacuuming or sweeping, especially in confined areas.

There is no known cure for Hantavirus and the death rate for persons infected is about 40 per cent.

However, Hantavirus cases are rare. Canadian health agencies report only three or four cases a year.

Still, it is a deadly virus that must be taken seriously. Health officials advise wearing rubber or plastic gloves and using a disinfectant when cleaning areas occupied by mice.

Aside from posing health risks, mice also are a cause of house fires. They gnaw almost everything and electrical wires seem to be a favourite. When they chew through cable protective covering, they expose bare wires and cause sparking which can start a fire.

If you find a crack or hole where mice might get in, fill it with steel wool, then caulk it to ensure it stays in place.

Mice are good for the environment – out in the wild, not in any of our buildings.



Sunset view from Bobcaygeon Road. Submitted by Guenter Horst

letters to the editor

Civic duty required

To the Editor,

So ... to follow up on the passing of the shoreline preservation bylaw we'd like to congratulate Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy and Mayor Andrea Roberts for voting against it. They are the only councillors who had the courage and integrity to both listen to their constituents and to recognize that the importance of this bylaw suggests it should be an election issue.

At Boshkung Tree Service we speak to approximately 1,500 different property owners annually, mostly waterfront. We discuss their properties; their tree issues and concerns. In the last three years, since the bylaw has been on the table, that makes about 4,500 waterfront property owners, all in Haliburton County. Not one of the property owners we spoke with was in favour of a shoreline bylaw, certainly not one as severe and overreaching as the one that was passed.

The councillors who voted for this bylaw stated that the majority of the people they spoke with were in favour. We beg to differ. It is un-

likely that any of the councillors spoke to anywhere close to 4,500 property owners that were in favour of the bylaw.

This shoreline bylaw is not a "legacy issue" as stated by some councillors. A councillor represents his/her constituent. When their time as a councillor is over, they should be leaving their municipality/county in a better place, not a worse place.

If you own or rent property in Haliburton County you have an important vote in the upcoming municipal election. Make your voice heard with your vote, since your letters and phone calls to previous counsellors did not work. Do your research. Ask the questions. There are many people running for council positions throughout the county who do not agree with the bylaw, definitely as written. Cast your vote accordingly.

John Fedeski and Michele Bromley
Boshkung Tree Service

HCPL's DVD of the Month - September



Those adorable yellow goggle-clad goof-balls are back in this epic sequel to Illumination Entertainment's Minions showing just how everyone's favourite supervillain came to be so deliciously bad!

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op-ed

Most solutions to our labour shortage problem are within reach

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

When I was a young man first entering the work world in the 1990s – back when dinosaurs roamed the Earth and your TV remotes actually worked – I was taught a few things in school: send out tonnes of resumes, assume that most employers won't get back to you and, if you get an interview, treat it as gold. That meant show up on time, dressed to the nines, and if you're offered anything, say "yes." I was part of what had been labelled Generation X; a group of young people who entered the work world at a time when new jobs were scarce and the powerful baby boom demographic had a grip on everything already out there.

I recalled these stories a few times to sources I spoke to for a series of stories, reported in these pages recently, about a labour shortage and how it's hurting Haliburton County employers and the area's normally vibrant economy.

Many of those sources, Generation Xers themselves who now have the responsibility of hiring people, shared the same sentiments. And we shook our heads in disbelief at how the work world has changed.

The series revealed that many employers are not filling jobs, due to a lack of applicants. The shortage is affecting big employers who offer career jobs with decent salaries, like municipalities, but also employers in the service industry, like those at restaurants and hotels, as well as summer, recreational businesses, who hire summer students. We even heard that some businesses, like Haliburton Forest Wild Life and Reserve Ltd. and Algonquin Outfitters, had job hunters "ghost" them on interviews, meaning the candidate was given a time to come in, but, without warning, didn't show up. Doing that would be like asking for a one-way ticket to poverty town when I was a teen.

Of course, it's easy to crack jokes about youth today or make judgmental assumptions that an upcoming generation

of workers have no work ethic. In reality, the problem isn't about any demographic's lack of dedication; it mostly comes down to numbers.

In reporting the series, we found that there are statistical reasons for the vast amount of "Help Wanted" signs in windows. According to census data, Haliburton County experienced a 13 per cent population growth, between 2016 and 2021, a rate that's higher than the overall provincial population growth rate of 5.8 per cent for the same period. But the percentage of Haliburton residents who are between ages 15 to 64 – the age of people who tend to be in the workforce – is only 55 per cent, compared to the provincial average of about 65 per cent. So there's a growing number of people in the county who need services, but businesses don't have a large employee pool to hire workers. Also, the most dominant age group within the 15 to 64 age demographic in Haliburton County are people on the upper side, aged 55 to 64, and not all people in that demographic are choosing to work.

So what should Haliburton County do? How can our leaders work to ensure businesses have more people they can hire? What has to be done to keep our charming cottage communities humming?

Finding out more information would be a start.

Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce executive director Bob Gaudette pointed out that he doesn't know all the factors that are leading to the problem, which has amplified with the onset and subsequent easing of the pandemic. A survey put out by the chamber to explore why some people haven't returned to work following the pandemic, yielded few results. He wonders if more people are living off investments or sharing homes to reduce their income needs.

Finding out more information on this would help business leaders key in on how they can make a return-to-work more attractive to employees, and our municipalities and big institutions can certainly work together to develop surveys or studies that hone in on this answer.

But the biggest interim solution is obvious, housing. When I asked sources what they thought was the biggest road-

block, the lack of available housing came up unanimously. Haliburton County chief administrative officer Mike Rutter shared the story of how, not one, but two, people who had been offered an administrative job with the county, ultimately declined it after realizing they couldn't find a home that met their needs.

It's not radical for us to suggest that all three levels of government must get to work immediately on plans to build more housing, whether that be affordable housing programs or encouraging more private developments. The plan should include the growth of both permanent homes or units that could be for seasonal employers or for people to live in temporarily until they find a long-term place to stay.

There are also creative ideas being discussed for the service industry, such as employee sharing programs, which would allow a worker to get something like a full-time income, by splitting duties between two or more part-time employers. And some good ideas have already started, like a county-funded transportation program that's resulted in the hiring of a driver who can pick up people and take them to SIRCH Community Services' training program, which will help them gain skills to enter the workforce.

Our leaders can't let up on any of these efforts. They must continue to develop and perfect them and not let them get bogged down in bureaucracy or red tape.

The labour situation is a serious problem – some have suggested it's a crisis – but it doesn't have to be a depressing situation. The silver lining here is that there's probably never been a better time for a young, determined person to enter the work world, gain income and independence and become a contributing member of society. They don't have to face the uphill battle that many Generation Xers unfairly took on years ago.

Moreover, most of the factors that are contributing to Haliburton County's troubled labour situation have already been identified. We just need community leaders to work together on their solutions – and take action right away.



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Speeding are majority of charges laid

The Labour Day long weekend safety initiative kept officers busy across Central Region on Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) patrolled roadways, trails and waterways. During this initiative, officers conducted targeted enforcement, focusing on speeding, seatbelts, distracted driving, and impaired driving. As a result, a total of 1,634 charges were laid.

Labour Day long weekend Central Region Breakdown:

Total charges – 1,634

Speeding charges - 944; seatbelt charges - 134; distracted driving charges - 23; impaired driving charges - 24; stunt/racing charges - 26; LLCA (Liquor Licence Control Act - Traffic Related) charges - 14; CAA (Cannabis Control Act - Traffic Related) charges - 7; CAIA (Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act) - 83; ORVA (Off-road Vehicles Act) charges - 3; CSA-SVR (Canada Shipping Act - Small Vessel Regulations) - 26; other criminal code traffic charges - 6; other provincial traffic charges - 344

Excessive speed and dangerous driving continue to threaten the safety of all road users. With students of all ages back in school this week, it's important we remember, there is no excuse for risky driving behaviours on our roads when lives are on the line. Please, slow down, drive cautiously, courteously and report dangerous drivers to OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or 9-1-1 in emergency.

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Toll bridge fundraiser organizers Bill Roodenburg and Scott Baker. The tolls were on Water Street and Bobcaygeon Road and helped the club collect donations to support local community endeavors, which includes the YWCA Women's Shelter, Walkabout Farm, the Minden Community Food Centre, Fuel for Warmth, The Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival and others who need support and provide much valued services in the community. The membership of the club would like to thank all those who donated to our local causes. Minden Rotary will be holding its second annual Charity Golf Tournament on Sept. 19 to continue their fundraising. Information can be found at mindenrotary.ca. Can't make the golf tournament? Missed the road toll? You can always make a donation online on their website. Anyone interested in joining the club or volunteering see the club's website and contact them. Submitted



Toll collects for community

Rotary Club of Minden president Dave Woodcroft and website administrator Cheryl Ripley take a break from the annual fundraising road toll held during the Labour Day weekend in Minden. Submitted

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Huskies open second season

Haliburton County Huskies owner Paul Wilson, from left in grey, drops the puck for ceremonial faceoff with Bradley Townsend, president of business and hockey operations and OJHL league governor for the Haliburton County Huskies hockey club for players, Cobourg Cougars captain Goerge Krotiris and Huskies captain Christian Stevens before the home opener on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. /DARREN LUM Staff



Come on out to Head Lake Park in Haliburton on **Sunday, September 18th from 2-4 p.m.** for Abbey Retreat Centre's closing fundraising celebration for their annual Haliburton Highlands Challenge!

The afternoon will be filled with inspiring stories from past retreat participants and fundraisers, activities for kids, a drumming circle, and live music by Nick and Benton. Admission is free.

The Haliburton Highlands Challenge fundraiser ends on September 30th. To donate or learn more, please visit www.haliburtonhighlandschallenge.com or abbeyretreatcentre.ca



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Haliburton County Huskies player Leo Serlin evades Cobourg Cougars defenceman Nolan Ling in Ontario Junior Hockey League action on Saturday, Sept. 10.
/DARREN LUM Staff



Haliburton County Huskies player Nicholas Dowling collides with Cobourg Cougars defenceman Aaron Chiarot.



Haliburton County Huskies forward Lucas Stevenson sends a pass cross ice to a teammate.

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Team 9's Daniel Rivard charges for home as Team 2's catcher Kris Marles waits for the throw during the Minden Mixed Slo-Pitch League post-season tournament game on Friday, Sept. 9 at the ball diamonds behind the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. Rivard was called out on the play. The tournament was held over the weekend and decided A, B, and C champions. /DARREN LUM Staff

Team 2's pitcher Dylan Graham throws the ball the first after picking up a ground ball in front of the plate during post-season tournament game on Friday, Sept. 9.



Team 9's Brian Rivard receives a high-five after a homerun during post-season tournament game on Friday, Sept. 9.



Team 9's player Bridget Rewald takes the throw from her teammate Brian Rivard (not pictured) in an attempt to double-off Team 2's baserunner Bennett Stephenson during post-season tournament game on Friday, Sept. 9.



Long-time Minden Mixed Slo-Pitch League player Darnell Francis, at far left, who suffered multiple injuries earlier this year, receives a monetary donation from league representatives Craig Smith, second from left, and Tammy Smith and Karen Rivard during a break in post-season action on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the ball fields behind the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. Francis was a perennial player, having played in the league for more than 15 years. The league's generosity also included a donation to mental health services, which included funds raised from bat draws and other raffles. Submitted

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Tarpology 101 provides skills and confidence to learn more

by **DARREN LUM**
Editor

Life offers opportunities to learn, but sometimes you have to take the initiative to push yourself to really test your mettle.

With a recent trip to Lake Superior Provincial Park to hike the Lake Superior Coastal Trail, I received a full dose of backcountry life lasting close to six days. At close to 55 kilometres (give or take a few kilometres due to a starting point, which was determined by backcountry camp site reservations), the trail required five days of hiking while carrying everything I needed for shelter, warmth, and nutrition.

Before I knew I was hiking this route, I asked to participate in the Tarpology 101 workshop led by experienced outdoor enthusiasts Martin Pine and Kim Switzer, which is part of a series of offerings by experiential adventure company, Yours Outdoors. In hindsight, it was a good decision to take the workshop marketed as “A Knotty Day in the Woods (and How to Cover Yourself!)”

They provided an overview and comprehensive instruction about tarp setups and the necessary knots to do them. Getting caught in the rain or in the elements doesn't have to be miserable or end a trip if you know what you're doing. It's great for the backcountry, the frontcountry and everything in between.

The full day workshop included lessons on stopper knots, bends such as a fisherman's knot, lashing knots, loops like a bowline – a fast, fixed loop that won't slip, hitches such as the prussik knot – attach it and secure it to a line, but also be able to move it when needed to adjust position. Also, they included examples of what the different types of tarps are available, whether it was the heavy, but inexpensive and easy to purchase anywhere ubiquitous blue tarps to the more innovative super light (sil-nylon) kinds that can go from being a poncho for an individual to an emergency shelter, the various types of cordage, whether it was the standard 550 paracord, to 2 mm lines made of dyneema for guylines. They showed a variety of ways to use the trees in a given area to establish the ridge-line from which the tarp's foundation is set, and to utilize nearby rocks lying about or tree roots to secure guylines to, which stretch the tarp to set at certain angles by various points

Tarpology 101 included not just a demonstration of how to set up a tarp, but the different structures such as this plow point style, which ensures protection from strong winds and rain.
/DARREN LUM Staff



Kim Switzer, co-instructor of Tarpology 101, shows the A-frame tarp setup. /DARREN LUM Staff

to ensure water can run away from a tent/sleeping bag.

After the workshop, I was much more skilled in my knot tying and abilities to set up a tarp for certain situations. However, what the workshop also helped me with was to be recognize situations that required a certain tarp setup and what related knots could be more beneficial than others. Such as the conventional A-frame structure to keep falling rain off a tent or firewood, the plow point when there are high winds and rain is coming in at an angle, or a porch for those times when you want to shelter and like to look out and, possibly, have a camp stove or fire set up underneath to eat, or be able to create a space conducive to drying clothes for warmth.

To be clear, I'm not an expert in tarps or in knots after the workshop, but I'm lot more confident. I actually ended up coming

away with remembering how to tie the taut line hitch, the square knot and the hank. All of these were supplemented by knowledge shared by a fellow hiker while out on the coastal trail. It gave me knowledge and the impetus to practice and learn more, which has led me to continue my self-education af-

ter the workshop and the trip. Ultimately, it gave me the foundation to employ the skills where I needed it most, on the trail and in the woods while adventuring.

For more information about workshops like this see www.yoursoutdoors.ca/calendar.

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New Physiotherapist at the Kinmount and District Health Centre

The Kinmount District Health Services Foundation is pleased to announce that registered physiotherapist, Vivian Wong-Svoboda, will open her practice at the Kinmount and District Health Centre (KDHC) on Oct. 3.

Vivian, who has practised physiotherapy in Scarborough, Toronto, Markham, Richmond Hill, Stouffville, East Gwillimbury and Thornhill, moved to the Kinmount area this summer with her husband and two children. She studied physical health and education at the University of Toronto, graduating with distinction in 2002. Vivian went on to receive her bachelor of science degree in physical therapy from Queen's University, graduating with honours in 2006.

With more than 19 years of experience working in the rehabilitation environment as a kinesiologist and physiotherapist, Vivian is a certified Mechanical Diagnosis and

Therapy (McKenzie) provider, and is registered with the Assistive Devices Program (ADP) of Ontario. As an ADP authorizer, she is able to assess patients to determine if they qualify to receive funding for mobility aids (such as walkers, wheelchairs, power scooters, and seating needs). Further details are available online at www.ontario.ca/page/assistive-devices-program.

The McKenzie Method is a non-invasive, exercise-based approach of assessment and treatment that is backed by years of research. This method empowers patients to "get back to the life they love" by providing the knowledge and skills necessary to relieve and prevent musculoskeletal pain. (Source: www.mckenzieinstituteusa.org/method.cfm)

Vivian's philosophy is that treatment should include a combination of manual therapy, exercise and education to enable patients to regain their independence, optimal

function and highest quality of life. She has twice been the recipient of "Exceptional clinician of the Year."

Retired physiotherapist at the KDHC, Sandra Butler, stated after meeting with Vivian that her "extensive post-graduate training perfectly enhances her expertise in addressing the needs of our community."

Anyone wishing to make an appointment with Vivian should call 705-488-1105, extension 4, or email PhysioVivian@kdhc.ca. Note that a referral from a family physician is not required.

Submitted by Susan Forrester, Communications, Kinmount District Health Services Foundation

Kinmount and District Health Centre is welcoming physiotherapist, Vivian Wong-Svoboda, on Oct. 3. /Photo submitted



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The Times
MINDEN ONTARIO

Minden Terry Fox Run virtual in 2022

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

The Terry Fox run is fast approaching with millions around the world preparing to run or walk in honour of Canadian Terry Fox's initiative to run across the country to raise money and awareness for cancer research over 40 years ago.

The Minden Terry Fox Run event on Sunday, Sept. 18 is virtual this year and cur-

rently has nearly \$1,500 raised of its \$4,000 goal.

There are three run teams and six individual participants registered, and each will decide where to walk or run on Sept. 18.




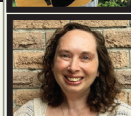
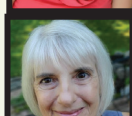
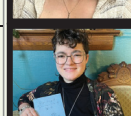


Participant Barb Rosen is planning on walking from the Minden Community Centre.

To donate or register as a team or individual for Sunday's virtual event, visit run.terryfox.ca/3625.

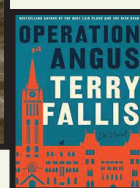
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	Author, Kathy Purc The Power of Memoir 11:30 am		Author, Anabelle Craig Poetry Reading 2:00 pm
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Dominion showcases local talent

Highlands' musician Eric Casper of North of Seven performs at the Dominion Hotel Pub on Friday, Sept. 9 in Minden. North of Seven has a new album, *North of Seven ... must sit down*. Purchase the album at www.russellredrecords.ca or in-person at Russell Red Records in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

2022 E-lection
www.mindenhills.ca

Notice of Internet, Telephone and Traditional Paper Ballot Voting

The three methods available to cast your ballot are **Internet, Telephone or Traditional Paper Ballot**.

Voter information letters were mailed the 1st week of September. **If you do not receive your Voter Information Letter by September 26, 2022**, please contact the Municipal Office.

If you have lost or do not have access to your Voter Information Letter a new letter may be issued by attending a Voter Help and Revision Centre. Please note that Identification will be required.

Municipal Administration Office, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON	September 1 to October 21, 2022 Monday to Friday during normal business hours: • 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Minden Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on the following Saturdays: • Saturday, September 10, 2022 • Saturday, September 24, 2022 • Saturday, October 1, 2022
S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre, located at 55 Parkside Street, Minden, ON.	Advanced Voting Day, Saturday, October 8, 2022 • 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Voting Day, Monday October 24, 2022: • 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

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The voting period for Eligible Voters using Internet or Telephone commences on October 8, 2022, until 8:00 PM on Monday, October 24, 2022.

Traditional Paper Ballot

- **Advanced Voting Day** is Saturday, October 8, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- **Voting Day** is Monday, October 24, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM Voting Day.

Voter Help and Revision Centers will be available at the Voting Place.

For more information please contact (705) 286-1260 ext. 9 or email elections@mindenhills.ca.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. **File No. PLSRA2021037:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front 1053 Sandy Bay Road located within Lot 7, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
2. **File No. PLSRA2021091:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of 1065 Hidden Valley Lane located within Lot 25, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden
3. **File No. PLSRA2021092:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of 1075 Hidden Valley Lane located within Lot 25, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden
4. **File No. PLSRA2022007:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Brady Lake, lying in front of vacant lands having Roll Number 4616-020-000-03600 located within Lot 2, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Hindon
5. **File No. PLSRA2022028:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of 1069 Century Lane located within Lot 7, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
6. **File No. PLSRA2022032:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front of 1059 Whispering Pines Trail located within Lot 6, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon.
7. **File No. PLSRA2021077:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of East Moore Lake, lying in front of 1382 Wessell Road located within Lot 23, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Lutterworth

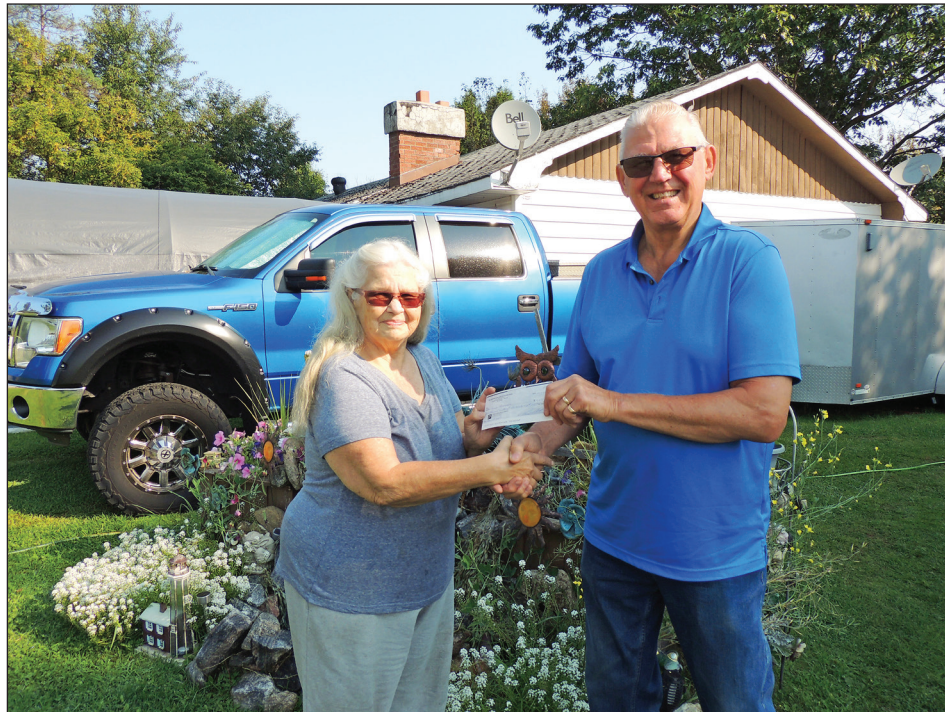
The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned or by visiting www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience. If deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills.

Amanda Dougherty, B.A. (Hons)
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HHOA announces Catch the Ace final winner

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) Catch the Ace raffle has officially concluded. Lynn Harrison of Wilberforce drew the ace of spades which ended the raffle. Lynn won the draw for Sept. 7. She took home \$243 plus the final Jackpot of \$5,455.50 for a total of \$5,698.50.



Lynn Harrison of Wilberforce, who drew the ace of spades, took home \$5,698.50 after she won the final draw for the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Catch the Ace raffle, which was presented by HHOA member, Eric Christensen recently. Submitted.

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Answers on page 17

outstanding support of our Catch the Ace raffle," Eric Christensen said, HHOA past-president and current board member. "We hope everyone will continue to support the hatchery by playing our 50/50 monthly draw at www.bigcatch5050.ca."

Funds raised through the 50/50 draw support the fish hatchery, the annual stocking of area lakes, walleye spawning rehabilitation programs and other HHOA activities that benefit region's outdoors community. Tickets for the HHOA monthly 50/50 raffle can be purchased at www.bigcatch5050.ca. Fifty per cent of the proceeds from each monthly draw go to one lucky winner. The other 50 per cent supports the HHOA.

"The 50/50 draw is a vital source of revenue for the hatchery," Christensen said. "The draw provides an opportunity for the community to support the hatchery, while also having a chance to win some big money!"

The HHOA helps maintain and enhance local fisheries. Its mission is to help residents and visitors to the Haliburton Highlands enjoy angling opportunities while practicing good conservation. Since 1998, the HHOA has raised and stocked more than 800,000 fish in local lakes. For more information on the HHOA visit www.hhoa.on.ca/news.

Submitted

Love brought new reporter to Ontario

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

James Matthews is the Local Journalism Initiative reporter working with *The Haliburton Echo*, *The Minden Times*, and *County Life*.

A transplanted Newfoundlander, Matthews moved to Ontario about 10 years ago after a time spent shivering in Iqaluit, Nunavut. As such stories go, he was lured from the Arctic by the affections and sweet laughter of a woman. She's now his wife for as long as she can tolerate him.

He is a published novelist and short story scribbler who has written for daily and weekly newspapers in Newfoundland and Ontario.

Matthews hopes to be on staff here for many years to come.

"Perhaps it's the first step toward moving to Haliburton County and a blissful cottage country life," he said. "Who knows, maybe I'll finally be counted as one of the cool kids."

That's the form introductory blurb above, as glib as it is. But White Pine Media, well, they expect more. And rightfully so. And that's why I think I'll learn much by being on the masthead here. Karen London in production makes us look good every week. Darren Lum asks the questions of us we should've asked them, the people interviewed for the readership. David Zilstra offers the support a staff needs to work well together. And Vivian Collings has cut her teeth growing up here and, as such, is an effective resource to a hapless Newfoundlander trying to make it



New Haliburton Echo/Minden Times reporter James Matthews looks forward to telling your story. Submitted by James Matthews

in a mainlander's world.

Counted among the important things in life are the connections one makes. Some such connections are as soft as a smile, while others are as raspy as sandpaper. They're all the measure of a life. And I'm looking forward to meeting the personalities and telling the stories of Haliburton County for, as with the missus, as long as you'll tolerate me.

My name's James Matthews.

Good to meet you.

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
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Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on September 28, 2022, at the Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands ON K0M 1J1.

Description of Lands:

- Roll No. 46 21 001 000 24800 0000; Kushog Lake Road; PIN 39123-0245 (LT); File No. 20-02;
Minimum Tender Amount: \$6,163.12
- Roll No. 46 21 002 000 31700 0000; Providence Drive; PIN 39129-0146 (LT); File No. 20-07;
Minimum Tender Amount: \$7,873.03

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST). This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available on line at www.OntarioTaxSales.ca or www.algonquinhighlands.ca or you may contact Karen Mintz, Tax Administrator, The Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands ON K0M 1J1, Phone: 705-489-2379 Ext. 323, Email: kmintz@algonquinhighlands.ca



Advanced tickets are required at the Dorset Tower during the fall colour weekends (from Sept. 24 to Oct. 16), which includes the Thanksgiving Monday. Tickets will be sold on a first come and first served basis on weekdays. Submitted by the Township of Algonquin Highlands

Dorset Tower advanced ticketing for fall colour weekends

For the first time, advanced tickets will be required to visit the Dorset Tower during fall colour weekends (including Thanksgiving Monday) from Sept. 24 to Oct 16. On weekdays (excluding Thanksgiving Monday) tickets will be sold on a first come/first served basis and can be purchased at the gate on arrival.

“The Tower is one of the premier destinations to view fall colours in the province,” said Chris Card, Manager of Parks, Rec and Trails. “It is growing in popularity and attendance each year. Recent years have seen a drastic increase in attendance, and it has become common for visitors to wait up to two hours to enter the site and another hour to get onto the tower structure. This has created traffic congestion on Highway 35 north and south of the village of Dorset.”

In order for visitors to have the most enjoyable experience, the Township is implementing an advanced ticket system. This will allow visitors to choose the time they arrive in advance. This will be the initial implementation of the system in Algonquin Highlands and although it’s not expected to eliminate traffic delays completely, it’s anticipated that wait times and traffic congestion will be significantly reduced.

Advanced tickets will only be available and required on weekends and the Thanksgiving holiday Monday, which are the most popular days. Weekdays will continue to operate on a first come first come/first served basis, with entrance passes available at the gate.

Visitors can purchase tickets online at ahtrails.ca starting at 9 a.m. on Sept. 16. Although ticket holders must arrive during their chosen timeframe, there will be no limit to the amount of time that they can stay onsite.

Submitted

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Committee of Adjustment - Notice of Public Hearing Application For Minor Variance

TAKE NOTICE that the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:
Date: Monday, September 26, 2022
Time: 9:30 AM
Location: This meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of a **virtual meeting**.

To participate:
Join the meeting by telephone by dialing either: 1-647-374-4685 OR 1-647-558-0588
Enter Meeting ID: 843 3376 8476 and **Passcode:** 774277

Join the meeting using a computer or smart phone at:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84333768476?pwd=UIZ1TDAyMWFSR0lUeC9xbk5PQ1dIQT09>

Members of the public are welcome to watch the Committee of Adjustment meeting by joining YouTube at:
<https://youtu.be/ek683vThrLA>

Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing must pre-register by emailing dsisson@mindenhills.ca by Friday September 23rd before 4:00 PM or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 9:00 AM. Participants registering after 9:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.

Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the hearing as permitted by the Chair. Please note the live-stream link provided for each hearing will only be activated while Committee of Adjustment is in session.

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider Minor Variance Applications PLMV2022069, PLMV2022070, and PLMV2022071 and the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act as shown below:

PLMV2022069 – Part Lot 21, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1014 Constable Lane and located on Gull Lake (See Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the upper storey of an existing detached garage to be used as a sleeping cabin. The effect of the application would be to permit a floor area of 78 square metres (839 square feet) for the sleeping cabin, together with permitted attached decks and balconies to be 16.72 square metres (180 square feet) in area; whereas a maximum area of 35 square metres (376 square feet) for the sleeping cabin and 15 square metres (161 square feet) for balconies and decks attached to a sleeping cabin is otherwise permitted.



PLMV2022070 – Part Lot 12, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1166 Peterson Road and located on Little Boshkung Lake (See Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the replacement of an existing 54 square metre (581 square foot) one-storey dwelling with 27.9 square metres (300 square feet) of attached lakeside decks with a new one and a half storey 72.5 square metre (780 square foot) dwelling with 32 square metres (345 square feet) of attached lakeside decks. The effect of the application would be to permit an increase in height of 3.12 metres (10.2 feet) and an increase in area of 34.3% for the dwelling, together with an increase in lot coverage to 30.6%, for a building located within 15 metres of the high water mark, whereas no size or height increase is otherwise permitted. The effect of the application would also permit new deficient side yards of 2.95 metres (9.6 feet) where 4.5 metres (15 feet) is otherwise required.



PLMV2022071 - Part Lot 11, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon; municipally known as 1008 Carefree Drive and located on Canning Lake (See Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the replacement of an existing 84.7 square metre (912 square foot) one storey cottage with 29.7 square metres (320 square feet) of attached decks, with a new 147.2 square metre (1,584 square foot) two storey cottage with 29.7 square metres (320 square feet) of attached decks. The effect of the application would be to permit an increase in height of 3.5 metres (11.5 feet) and to permit an increase in area of 73.7%, whereas only an increase in height of 1.2 metres (3.9 feet) and an increase in area of 25% is otherwise permitted.



Additional Information regarding this application will be available online. Links to meeting agendas and full reports can be found on our Minden Hills Civic Web. A copy of the complete application will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@mindenhills.ca.

Any person or agency who is of the opinion that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause them significant prejudice, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing. If a person or agency does not make a submission to the Secretary-Treasurer prior to the electronic hearing, and the person or agency does not participate in the hearing in accordance with this Notice, then the Committee may proceed without the party's participation and the party will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

Accessibility: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

Privacy Disclosure: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

For more information about this matter contact at adougherty@mindenhills.ca or 705-742-2297 ext. 278

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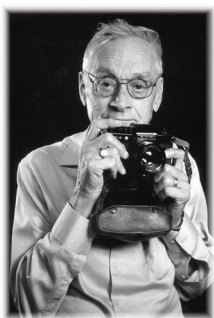
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Kirkwood house

HHSS does not yet know what it's going to do with its newest acquisition

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In remembrance

The Minden Legion hosted its annual Decoration Day service at the cenotaph.

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For hospice

The Pentney family has donated \$1,000 to help keep hospice going.

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In Quotes

"If you have a gorgeous home you're not going to stick those 911 signs on your home. I wouldn't do it."

Eleanor Harrison on page 1



Darren Lum/TIMES

Running to find a cure

Tara O'Sullivan runs through the long grass along the trail that snakes behind the Minden Community Centre as part of Archie Stouffer Elementary School's participation in last Friday's Terry Fox Run. The students raised more than \$600 for cancer research. More photos are on page 14.

Pretty or safe?

County council debates whether to force village homeowners to put up reflective 911 numbers

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

It's an argument of aesthetics versus caution as the county debates whether to force people in Minden and Haliburton to put standardized 911 numbers on their homes.

On one side there are county councillors such as Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison and Highlands East Deputy-reeve Bill Howe. They want property owners to be able to put up decorative numbers as long as they fit certain size restrictions.

On the other side are Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis and Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon. They think homeowners should nail the standardized white-on-blue reflective numbers next to their front door.

"We have to get it resolved," 911 co-ordinator Stephen Foster said at Wednesday's county council meeting. "We either are consistent and go with white and blue, which serves emergency personnel well, or consider the aesthetics issue."

Harrison said, "If you have a gorgeous home you're not going to stick those 911 signs on your home. I wouldn't do it."

Davis said the issue didn't affect her because she didn't live in a town.

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